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THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" The existing provisions contained in the District Municipalities Act, the District Boards Act, the Removal of Civil Disabilities Act and the Articles in the Constitution do not deny the Harijans access to the burial grounds maintained out of public funds. The Collectors and the Local Bodies have been informed of the legal position and asked to examine and report how far the sugestion of provision of common burial grounds for all communities can be given effect to."

SRI G. GOVINDAN :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, பல ஊர்களில் ஹரிஜனங்கள் சுடுகாடு இல்லாமல் கஷ்டப்பட்டுக்கொண்டிருக்கிறார்கள். பிராம்மணர்களுக்கென்று தனியாக சுடுகாடு வைத்திருக்கிறார்கள். அப்படி இல்லாமல் எல்லோருக்கும் ஒன்றாக அமைக்க சர்க்கார் கவனிப்பார்களா ? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" ஒரே கேள்வியாகக் கேட்கிறீர்களே."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" The Government have made it compulsory that Harijans are entitled to enter restaurants and hotels that are kept and managed by private agencies. May I know whether the Government will follow the same principle in respect of burial grounds also though they may be managed or kept by private individuals or communities? "

THE HON. SRI B. PARAMESWARAN :—" Though this question does not arise from the main question put, which relates to the district of Coimbatore, still I will answer it. The whole question is being examined by the Government."

SRI M. JAGANNATHAN :—" The lack of burial and cremation grounds for Harijans is not only a special feature of Coimbatore district, but also a feature in all the other districts. Therefore, may I request the Hon. Minister whether he will issue a circular to all Collectors to take steps to acquire lands to provide cremation grounds for use by Harijans? "

MR. SPEAKER :—" It is a general question."

* *Qs.* 1010, 1011 and 1012—

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I request, Sir, that Questions Nos. 1010, 1011 and 1012 may be taken up together as they all relate to the same subject."

MR. SPEAKER :—" Yes."

Payment of salaries to teachers by M.O. in Malabar

* 1010 *Q.*—SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether it is a fact that difficulties are being experienced by the aided elementary school teachers for cashing their pay bills; and

(*b*) if so, whether there is any proposal to change the present method of payment in the near future?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir.

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"(b) The Government have ordered the payment of salaries of teachers in aided elementary schools in Malabar by money order with immediate effect."

* 1011 *Q.*—SRI P. K. GOPALAKRISHNAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(a) whether the Government have any proposal to pay the salaries of teachers in aided schools in Malabar by Money Order; and

(b) if so, when the Government propose to introduce the above system?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (a) & (b) The Government have issued orders for the payment of salaries of teachers in aided elementary schools in Malabar by money order with immediate effect."

* 1012 *Q.*—SRI V. R. KRISHNA AYYAR : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state whether the Government have any proposal to change the present system of payments of teaching grants to teachers of aided elementary schools in Malabar?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Yes, Sir. The Government have ordered the payment of salaries of teachers in aided elementary schools in Malabar by money order."

SRI K. MADHAVAN NAMBIAR :—" Considering the low salary of teachers, may I know whether the Government will bear the money order commission?"

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, teachers would have to incur greater expenditure if they had been asked to go to the Treasury and cash the bills. I do not think it is proper to ask the Government to bear the money order commission."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDARAM :—" கனம் சபாநாயகர் அவர்களே, இதே முறை மற்ற ஜில்லாக்களுக்கும் விஸ்தரிக்கப்படுமா என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" The whole question of payment of salaries is under consideration, by the Elementary Education Committee. After their report, I shall take a decision."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Sir, is it possible to make arrangements through the Post Office for payment of these salaries, without sending money orders, through Savings Bank accounts?" 8-40 a.m.

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I should have it examined whether it is possible."

SRI M. NARAYANA KURUP :—" Are the money orders sent by any arrangement by the Government with the Post Offices or is it by money being actually taken to the Post Offices and paid there to be sent by money order?"